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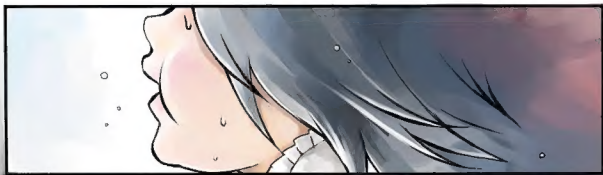
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...IS WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO IF YOU WANT TO KEEP TONING THAT FAT BODY OF YOURS.

EATING LOW-FAT, HIGH PROTEIN MEALS AND GETTING EXERCISE...

Hmm!

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GONNA GET A HOT BOD AND ATTRACT GIRLS IF YOU GIVE UP SO EASILY?!

Hmm?



WHAT'S THE MATTER? STOP SLACKING OFF!

Hmm?

Hmm!

COACH...



I CAN'T... I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE!



...LIKE I'M
SEEING ANY
CHANGE
HAPPENING
WITH THIS
ENDLESS,
WHO-KNOWS-
HOW-LONG-
I'VE-RUN
TRAINING...

COUGH...
I-I JUST
DON'T FEEL
LIKE...



HOUSE
MOTH-

COACH!!



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So
true

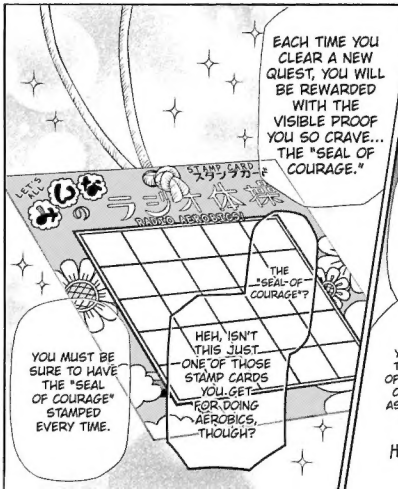
OH, I'M
SURE THE
HOUSE
MOTHER HAS
SOMETHING
IN MIND.

ヒ PST PST
ヒ...

SOME-
THING
SHE CAN
SEE...

WOULDN'T
HER
CURRENT
FIGURE BE
THE BEST
EXAMPLE
OF THAT?

SO YOU
WANT THE
RESULTS TO
BE SOMETHING
YOU CAN SEE,
HUH?



EACH TIME YOU
CLEAR A NEW
QUEST, YOU WILL
BE REWARDED
WITH THE
VISIBLE PROOF
YOU SO CRAVE...
THE "SEAL OF
COURAGE."

YOU MUST BE
SURE TO HAVE
THE "SEAL
OF COURAGE"
STAMPED
EVERY TIME.

HEH, ISN'T
THIS JUST
ONE OF THOSE
STAMP CARDS
YOU GET
FOR DOING
AEROBICS,
THOUGH?



...OH,
WARRIOR
KANAKO.

WARRIOR KANAKO,
I COMMAND YOU
TO TRAVEL THE
EARTH FAR AND
WIDE USING THAT
GAME-OBSESSED
BRAIN OF YOURS TO
HELP ANYONE WHO
REQUESTS
IT OF YOU.

WARRIOR
?!

YOU ARE
TO THINK
OF BURNING
CALORIES
AS A GAME,
I SAY!

Hmmr



THWACK





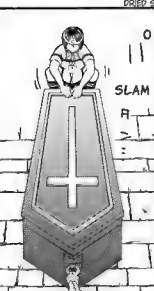


I-I SHOULD
CHECK TO SEE
IF THERE IS
A WARRIOR
HIDING INSIDE...

Well... CRAP,
THAT COFFIN
ISN'T EVEN
CLOSED
PROPERLY...

NOT LIKING
THIS
ONE BIT!

DRIED SHITAKE MUSHROOMS



THERE YOU
ARE, WARRIOR
KANAKO-KUN!!

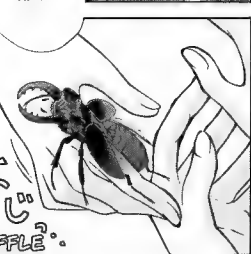
THE
WORLD
REALLY
DOES
JUST
AS GOD
SAYS.

OH DEAR,
LOOKS LIKE
I'VE GONE
AND GOTTEN
MYSELF
ANOTHER NEW
NICKNAME THAT
DOESN'T SEEM
STRANGE AT
ALL TO THE
PEOPLE SAYING
IT.

YOU'VE
COME AT
JUST THE
RIGHT
TIME.

I WAS
ACTUALLY
WONDERING
IF YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO
HELP ME
WITH A LITTLE
SOMETHING,
WARRIOR
KANAKO-KUN?





THAT STAG
BEETLE'S
FREEDOM
BELONGS TO
NO ONE BUT
HIMSELF...

AND NO ONE,
NOT EVEN
I, SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
TAKE HIS
WINGS FROM
HIM...

...IT'S FINE.

RYUKEN-
SAMA,
YOUR STAG
BEETLE...
I'M—

Should I
catch it?

JUST LOOK.

That's
right,
Ryuken.

DOESN'T THE
BLUE SKY
MATCH HIM
PERFECTLY...?

You should
always
release the
beetles you
catch...

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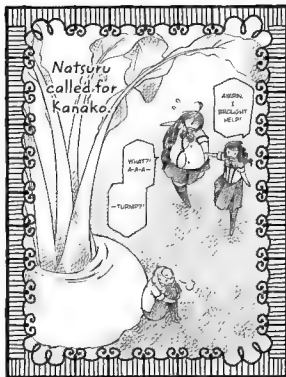
A
THUMBPRINT
SHOULD
BE OKAY,
RIGHT?

!!



I'M SORRY
TO BE SO
NIT-PICKY,
BUT WOULD
YOU...

OH, I SEE.
YOU NEED
SOME SORT
OF PROOF.



They pulled and pulled with all their might, but the turnip said "No," and wouldn't come out.

HAA !!
HAA !!

I-I-I-
CAN
TOUCH
YOU?



They pulled and pulled with all their might, but the turnip said "No more," and wouldn't come out.

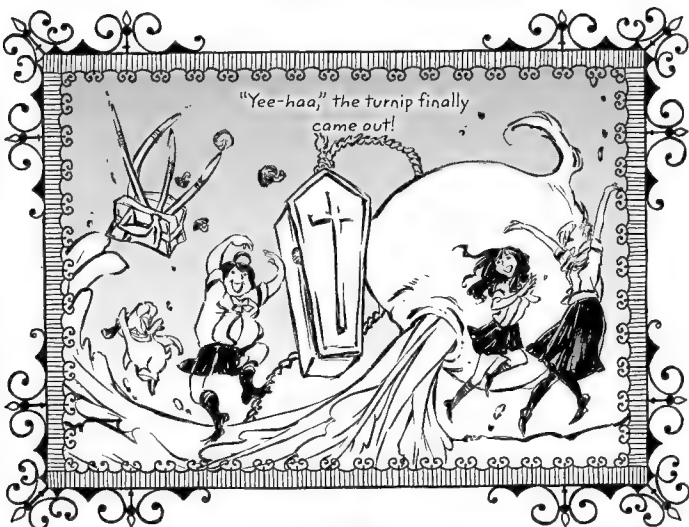
CHOMP

SEEK!
WHAT
THE
HELL?!



They pulled and pulled with all their might, but the turnip said "Don't cry," and wouldn't come out.





WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO THIS TURNIP THOUGH?

IT WASN'T MUCH TROUBLE AT ALL....

WE WILL USE THE TURNIP YOU JUST HELPED US PULL TO ENRICH THE DORM LUNCHES.

I'M SO SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU, WARRIOR MIYAMAE-SAN.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US.

THIS IS FOR YOU, MIYAMAE-SAN.

Grow bigger and bigger!

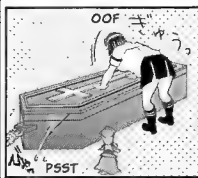
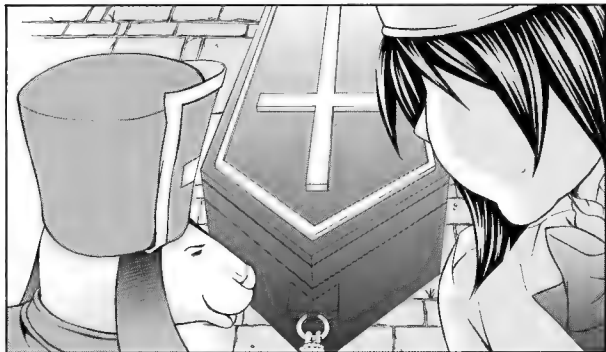
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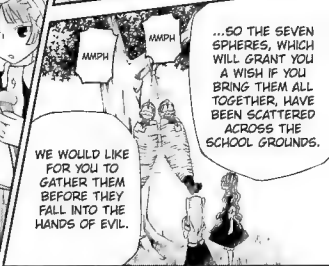
STRANGE THINGS DO TEND TO HAPPEN AT OUR SCHOOL...

...and become a huge, delicious turnip!

WE'VE GOT NO IDEA. IT JUST SUDDENLY GREW LIKE THIS IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL.





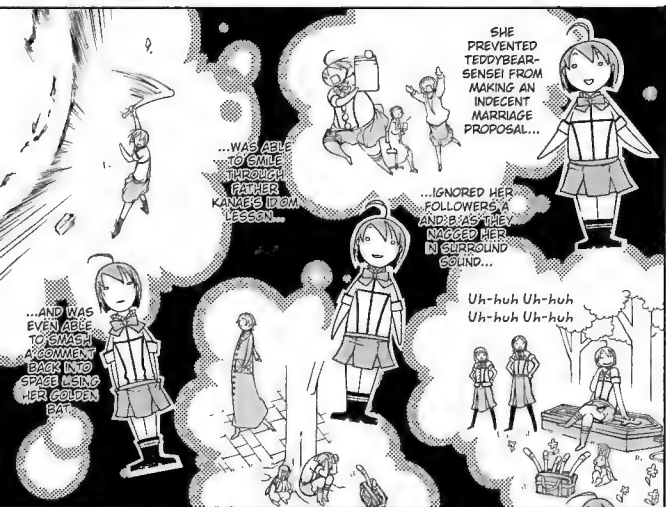






WARRIOR
KANAKO
CONTINUED
TO HELP
OTHERS IN
THE MOST
SPLENDID
MANNER
POSSIBLE.

WARRIOR
KANAKO-
CHAN?!



OH...

AND SO, SHE
CAME TO THE
END OF HER
JOURNEY AND
NEEDED ONLY
ONE MORE
"SEAL OF
COURAGE"...

CURRENT STATE

WOULD
YOU MIND
HELPING
US EAT
SOME?

WE WENT
INTO TOWN
TO GET
SOME
SUPPLIES
FOR THE
ARCHERY
CLUB.

TSUMUGI-
SENPAI,
KOMACHI-
CHAN,
SATSUKI-
SENPAI

WHERE DID
YOU GO OUT
TO?

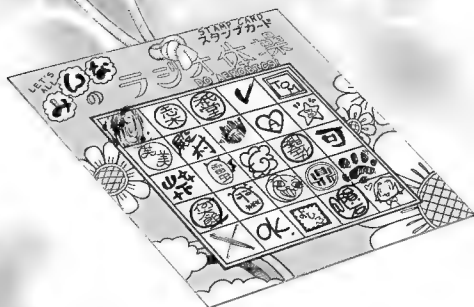


AND WE
BOUGHT
THE USUAL
AMOUNT FOR
EVERYONE.

BUT
WE SORTA
FORGOT THAT
A LOT OF
STUDENTS
WENT HOME
FOR THE
SUMMER.

...AND
SINCE WE
WERE OUT, WE
THOUGHT WE'D
GET SOME
SNACKS FOR
EVERYONE AT
THE DORM.







M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

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Prayer 13

Couchirou and Love's
Bomb Disposal Squad

...OPERA
TICKETS?

YOU'RE
GIVING ME
THESE...

SO I THOUGHT,
WELL, THERE'S
ALWAYS FATHER
KANA. YOU DO
KIND OF HAVE AN
OPERA-ISH FACE.

SO...

...IT'S
IMPOSSIBLE
TO FIND
SOMEONE
ELSE TO
GIVE THEM
TO AT THIS
POINT.

THE
PERFORMANCE
IS TOMORROW.

YEAH, WELL,
I ACTUALLY
GOT THEM
FOR FREE
MYSELF. BUT
SOMETHING'S
COME UP
AND I CAN'T
MAKE IT ON
THAT DAY.

MY
FACE IS...
WHAT?



AND
NOW I'VE
GONE AND
ACCEPTED...

YOU
SHOULD
TAKE
SOMEONE
YOU LIKE
WITH YOU.



SOMEONE
I LIKE?!



...AND
THE
OTHER
IS FOR...
"SOMEONE
I LIKE."

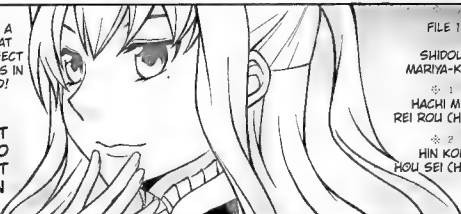
ONE IS
FOR
ME, OF
COURSE...



HMWR:
A BEAUTY
WITH NO
FLAWS IN
SIGHT. A
WOMAN
ANYONE
COULD
GET
ALONG
WITH
SHOULD
THEY GO
OUT WITH
HER.

IT'S SIMPLY A
MIRACLE THAT
SUCH A PERFECT
WOMAN EXISTS IN
THIS WORLD!

SHE IS
THE LAST
ANGEL TO
EVER SET
FOOT ON
EARTH.



FILE 1

SHIDOU
MARIYA-KUN

✧ 1
HACHI MEN
REI ROU (HMRR)

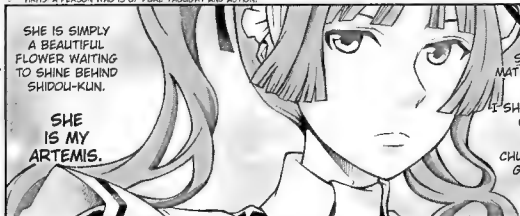
✧ 2
HIN KOU
HOU SEI (HKHS)

✧ HKHS: A PERSON WHO IS OF PURE THOUGHT AND ACTION.

ISSK:
A WOMAN
WHOSE
SMILE IS
PRICELESS,
BECAUSE
SHE IS
SIMPLY
THAT
BEAUTIFUL.

SHE IS SIMPLY
A BEAUTIFUL
FLOWER WAITING
TO SHINE BEHIND
SHIDOU-KUN.

SHE
IS MY
ARTEMIS.



FILE 2

SHINOBUJI
MATSUBIKA-KUN

✧ 3
I-SHOU SEN KIN
(ISSK)

✧ 1
CHUU KOU JIN
GI (CKJG)

✧ CKJG: A PERSON WHO BELIEVES IN LOYALTY, FILIAL PIETY, HUMANITY AND JUSTICE

MBKS:
A WOMAN
WITH
BRIGHT
EYES AND
PEARL-
WHITE
TEETH.
HER FACE
IS ALSO
PERFECTLY
BALANCED.

SHE LIGHTS
UP THE WHOLE
WORLD WITH
HER KIND HEART
INDISCRIMINATELY.

SHE
IS MY
MUSE.



FILE 3

SHIKI
AYARI-KUN

✧ 1
MEI'BOU KOU
SHI (MBKS)

✧ 1
JI SEN KYUU
KOU (JSKK)

✧ JSKK: A WOMAN WHO ACTS ON HER OWN PRINCIPLES AND NEVER HESITATES

KGND:
A FLOWER
THAT CAN
SPEAK,
AKA A
BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN.

SHE IS A
GIRL WHO
IS NOT ONLY
BEAUTIFUL
BUT ALSO HAS
BACKBONE.

SHE
IS MY
NIGHT-
INGALE.



FILE 4

NATSURU
MAKI-KUN

✧ 7
KAI GO NO
HANA (KGND)

✧ 8
SEI REN KA KIN
(SRKK)

✧ SRKK: A PERSON OF PURE HEART WITH VERY FEW PERSONAL DESIRES. A PERSON WHO ALWAYS WORKS THE HARDEST.



WHAT AM
I GONNA DO,
TOUCHIROU?!

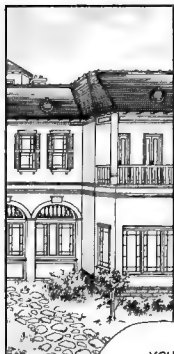
HOW CAN
I RANK MY
LOVE FOR
THEM?!

I CAN
ONLY
INVITE
ONE OF
THEM
TO THE
OPERA.

YET, EACH IS
ATTRACTIVE
IN HER
OWN WAY...



YOU KNOW,
I REALLY HAVE
NO CLUE WHY YOU
CHOSE ME AS THE
ONE YOU NEEDED
TO TALK ABOUT
THIS WITH.





WELL,
I DON'T
REALLY
CARE THAT
MUCH.

I ASSURE
YOU THAT
I WILL
MAKE UP
FOR IT
SOMEHOW
IN THE
FUTURE.

...I AM AWARE
THAT BY
ASKING YOU
TO COME HERE
I AM CAUSING
BOTH YOU AND
THE YOUNG
MASTER,
SHIZU-KUN,
A LOT OF
TROUBLE...

BESIDES,
THERE IS ONLY
ONE COURSE OF
ACTION FOR US
TO EMBARK ON.

TA-DAH!

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THAT
CAN'T
BE?!

HOWEVER,
ONE OF
THOSE
CHOICES IS
ALWAYS
A TRAP.

AT FIRST
GLANCE, THERE
APPEAR TO BE
AN ENDLESS
AMOUNT OF
CHOICES. YOU
FOLLOWING?



DOES HE
MEAN
THAT ONE
OF THE
GIRLS...

...WILL
END UP IN
DESPAIR
SIMPLY
BECAUSE
I LOVED
HER?



IS HE
SAYING
THERE'S A
CHOICE
THAT IS SIMPLY
UNFORGIVABLE?!



IS ONE
OF THEM
TRYING TO
BRING UPON
MY DEMISE?

WHAT
DOES HE
MEAN BY
THAT?



OR DOES HE
MEAN THAT
THE TWO
OF US JUST
WOULDN'T
MAKE A GOOD
MATCH?!

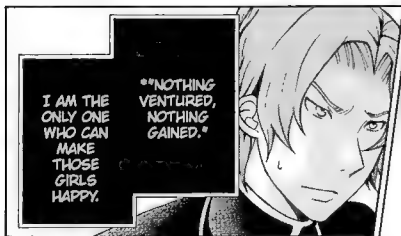
WHOA



YOU'RE
RIGHT!!
THAT'S JUST
WHAT I WAS
THINKING!!

STILL,
WE MUST
ACKNOWLEDGE
THE DANGER
AND TAKE
THAT FIRST
STEP.

* "NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED":
IF YOU AREN'T WILLING TO RISK ALL FOR
SOMETHING, YOU'LL NEVER GET WHAT
YOU REALLY WANT.



I AM THE
ONLY ONE
WHO CAN
MAKE
THOSE
GIRLS
HAPPY.

• "NOTHING
VENTURED,
NOTHING
GAINED."



I WON'T
LET FATE
GET THE
BEST
OF ME...

...FOR
STRONG
WILL IS
THE KEY!

OR
PHYSIOGNOMY?



OR
ONOMANCY?
OR KABBALAH?
OR FOUR-
PILLAR
DIVINATION?



I THINK I
SMELL AN IDIOT
TRYING TO FORCE
THIS STORY INTO A
HAREM-TYPE INSTEAD
OF ABIDING BY THE
RULES OF CHOOSING
ONE GIRL.



OH, DON'T
WORRY ABOUT
IT. IT'S MY
FAULT FOR
NOT BEING
HERE.

I'M SORRY
TO JUST
COME IN HERE
WITHOUT
TELLING
YOU FIRST...

男など
滅ぶ
...should
perish.
All men...

DID YOU
GET
A NOSE-
BLEED
AGAIN,
MIYAMAE-
SAN?

ARE
YOU FREE
TOMORROW
NIGHT?

OH,
I MEANT
TO ASK.



AN
OPERA-
ISH...
FACE?

YEAH, AN
OPERA-ISH
FACE.



YOU
DON'T
REALLY
HAVE AN
OPERA-
ISH FACE.

Well...
NEVER
MIND.

TOMORROW
NIGHT?



...NOTHING
GAINED!!

NOTHING
VENTURED...

YOU CAN
CHOOSE
WHOMEVER YOU
LIKE, BUT FIRST
YOU NEED TO
KNOW MORE
ABOUT THE
BATTLE YOU ARE
HEADED INTO.

SO, IN
ORDER TO
AVOID DANGER,
YOU NEED TO
USE YOUR
HEAD.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

THE KEY IS TO
HAVE A STRONG
WILL AND BE
DETERMINED NOT
TO LOSE TO FATE,
ISN'T IT?!

WHOA

YOU NEED
TO THINK
FROM THE
OTHER
PERSON'S
POINT OF
VIEW...

IF YOU DO
THAT, YOU
SHOULD
BEGIN TO GET
A CLEARER
PICTURE.

HMM, SINCE THE
MAJORITY OF
PEOPLE ARE
RIGHT HANDED...
IT'S PROBABLY
SAFE TO SAY
THAT THE TRAP
IS USUALLY
TOWARDS THE
RIGHT SIDE.



HOWEVER
I CAN ONLY
INVITE ONE
PERSON
WHICH
MEANS...

I KNOW!
I CAN JUST
GIVE THE TWO
TICKETS TO
BOTH OF THEM
AND TELL
THEM TO GO
HAVE FUN!



SO, THEN
I SHOULD
ASSUME THAT
NEITHER OF
THEM HAS
THE TIME TO
TAKE IN AN
OPERA?

NO! DON'T
THEY ALWAYS
SAY THAT IN
YOUR BUSIEST
HOUR YOU
NEED TO TAKE
A MOMENT
TO BREATHE?



SHIDOU-KUN
HAS TO GET
READY FOR THE
INTER-HIGH
CHAMPIONSHIPS...

...AND
THEREFORE
SHOULD BE
SPENDING
EVERY SPARE
MOMENT AT
PRACTICE.

WHICH OF
COURSE MEANS
SHINOBU-KUN
WILL ALWAYS
BE BY HER SIDE.

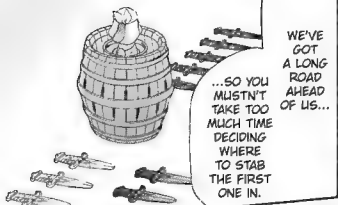
SO,
THINKING
IT ABOUT
IT FROM
THEIR
POINTS
OF VIEW...



NO, I CAN'T!!
THAT'D BE
UTTERLY
POINTLESS!

HOWEVER,
YOU REALLY
SHOULDN'T
WORRY SO
MUCH IN THE
BEGINNING.





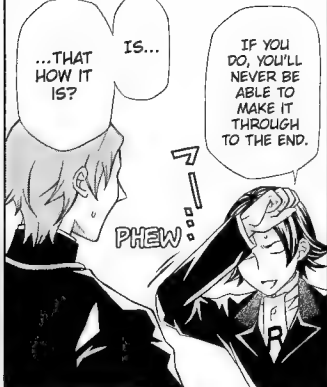
WE'VE
GOT
A LONG
ROAD
AHEAD
OF US...

...SO YOU
MUSTN'T
TAKE TOO
MUCH TIME
DECIDING
WHERE
TO STAB
THE FIRST
ONE IN.



I SEE!
HE'S TRYING
TO START
A DUEL WITH
ME, ISN'T
HE?!

MY
FIRST...
STAB?



...THAT
HOW IT
IS?

IS...

IF YOU
DO, YOU'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
MAKE IT
THROUGH
TO THE END.

PHEW



SO, WHO
SHOULD
I INVITE?

SHIDOU-KUN OR
SHINOBU-KUN?
OR PERHAPS IT
SHOULD BE MY
MUSE OR MY
NIGHTINGALE?

OR NOT.
RINDOU-KUN
IS ALWAYS
TALKING IN
RIDDLES, SO
IT'S NEARLY
IMPOSSIBLE
TO FIGURE
OUT HIS
MEANING
SOMETIMES.

KA-CHING



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...AND
INSTEAD
PIERCE EACH
AND EVERY
POINT YOU
THINK MAY
BE THE
CORRECT
ONE!

YOU
MUST
NOT FEAR
TAKING
RISKS
AT THE
START...

THUNK



THUNK

THUNK

HE IS
A TRUE
WARRIOR!

I'LL
NEVER
REACH
HIS
LEVEL!

WOW,
WHAT
A MAN!

I MUST
NOT...

...FEAR
TAKING
RISKS?!

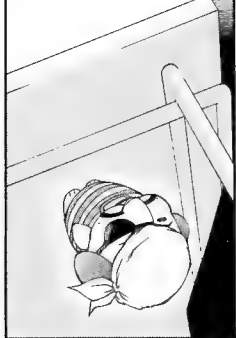
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CLATTER





AND NOW,
YOU'RE
READY FOR
THE REAL
THING!





WE ARE
NOW GOING
TO PUT OUR
LIVES ON
THE LINE
AND PLAY
THE GAME
FOR REAL!

YOU MUST
CLEAR YOUR
HEAD OF ALL
THOUGHTS AND
TAKE ON THIS
CHALLENGE
AS A BLANK
SLATE.

TA DAH!



OUR
LIVES?!

GAH



UP TO THIS
POINT, WE
HAVE BEEN
IGNORING
ONE MAJOR
FACTOR IN
YOUR CHOICE.

AND HERE,
IN MY
OLD AGE,
I THOUGHT
I'D FINALLY
FOUND
A TRUE
FRIEND...

DOES
HE HATE
ME THAT
MUCH?

AND BECAUSE
OF THAT, YOU
HAVE BEEN
OPERATING
UNDER AN
ILLUSION OF
SAFETY THIS
WHOLE TIME.

ROLL



SNIFF

HUH?

WHAT
FACTOR
IS
THAT?





...AND DECIDE
WHO I WANT
TO GIVE THE
TICKET TO.
IT WILL BE
TOO LATE TO
PRESENT THAT
TICKET TO
HER BEFORE
THE SHOW
STARTS...?

IS HE
TRYING TO
IMPLY THAT
BY THE TIME
I MAKE UP
MY MIND...

CLICK!!



...TO HAVE
THIS OPERA
TICKET?

YOU WANT
ME...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I'M
STANDING ON
THE EDGE OF
A PIT LIKE
THIS!



I WAS THINKING
THAT IF YOU
TWO HAPPEN
TO BE FREE,
YOU COULD GO
AND ENJOY IT
TOGETHER.

I WAS
GLAD SHE
GAVE IT TO
ME, BUT
I ALREADY
HAVE
PLANS FOR
TOMORROW.

IT'S FOR A
PERFORMANCE
THAT A
CLASSMATE
OF MYSELF
AND KUMAGAI-
SENSEI IS
STARRING IN
AS A PRIMA
DONNA.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
UNCERTAINTY!
EVERY MOMENT
COUNTS!!!

CUT THAT
WISHFUL
THINKING OUT
RIGHT NOW!

SNIP

EVEN IF
THEY DO
APPEAR
SIMILAR,
SHIZU-KUN
IS A BOY...

??!!

WHAT'S
THIS
SUDDEN
HOLE IN
MY HEART
THAT I
FEEL?

SO WHY
DO I FEEL
THESE TEARS
WELLING UP
INSIDE ME?

I KNOW
THAT OF
COURSE



OH, MY
SWEET
NARCISSUS,
SHIZU-KUN...

FAREWELL!!!



GREEN?

THAT'S
THE
COLOR
OF THE
SENIOR'S
RIBBONS,
MEANING...

...MY
MUSE OR MY
NIGHTINGALE?!

OH, I'LL BE
CUTTING THE
GREEN WIRE
NEXT.

"EXPERI-
ENCE
AND
INSTINCT"
...

So...
HOW DID YOU
COME TO MAKE
YOUR CHOICE,
RINDOU-KUN?

OR RATHER,
YOU COULD SAY
THAT IT WAS
FROM "INSTINCT
GAINED THROUGH
EXPERIENCE"...





IT'S SO AMAZING TO THINK THAT A GRADUATE FROM OUR SCHOOL IS NOW TRAVELING THE WORLD AS AN OPERA SINGER...

MAKES YOU PROUD YOU GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL.

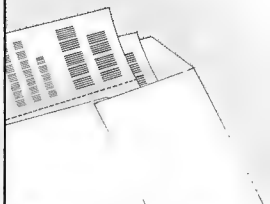
YEAH. I WAS REALLY SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT AN OLD SCHOOL FRIEND OF THE PROFESSOR IS NOW A PRIMA DONNA.

TOMORROW WILL BE LOTS OF FUN, WON'T IT AYARIN?



ME TOO. LET'S MAKE SURE WE ENJOY IT IN PLACE OF OUR TEACHERS WHO CAN'T GO.

MAKES ME FEEL LUCKY TO HAVE GOTTEN THESE TICKETS FOR FREE.



SQUEE

Stop it!

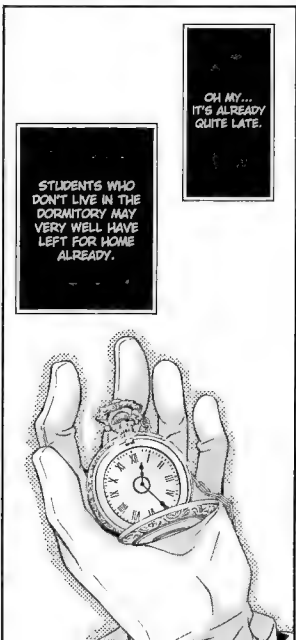
TEE HEE

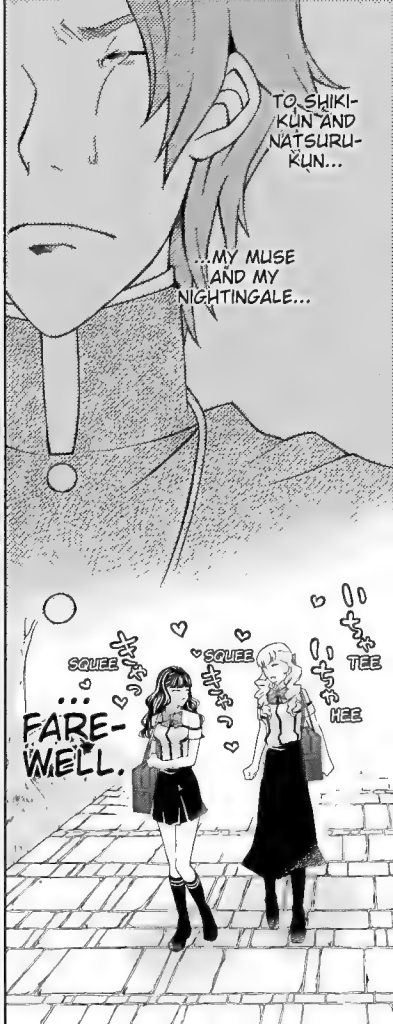
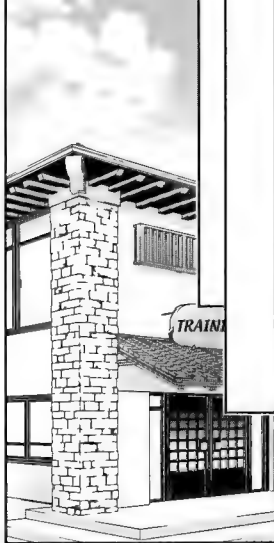
I CAN JUST SEE YOU FALLING DOWN AND HURTING YOURSELF RIGHT BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE.

I JUST HOPE THAT YOU DON'T END UP MAKING US LATE, NATSURI.

YOU'RE SUCH A MEANIE, AYARIN!

SQUEE







...AND WAS
REALLY
SAD SHE
COULDN'T
GET A
TICKET TO?

YEAH...
BUT ISN'T
THIS THE
PERFORM-
ANCE AYARI
SAID SHE
WANTED
TO SEE...

I WAS
THINKING
WE SHOULD
GIVE THEM
TO HER.



WELL,
WE DID
TAKE THE
TICKETS.



ARE YOU
REALLY
PLANNING
ON GOING,
MARIYA-SAMA?



WHAT DOES
THAT EVEN
MEAN, AN
"OPERA-ISH"
FACE?

SHE DOES
HAVE AN
OPERA-ISH
FACE.

OH, I'M SURE
SOMEONE IN
THE SCHOOL
HAS GIVEN
THEIR TICKETS
TO HER BY
NOW.



...AND
NOW WE
ARE LEFT
WITH
ONLY TWO
WIRES...

SHIDOU-KUN.
OR
SHINOBUJI-KUN.

YOU HAVE
ONLY TWO
CHOICES
REMAINING
TO YOU.

RIGHT.

SNIP





IF YOU MAKE
A MISTAKE NOW,
EVERYTHING
YOU'VE DONE
WILL BE FOR
NOTHING...

YOU'VE GOT
TO THINK THIS
OVER VERY
CAREFULLY...

FORCING
ME TO WEIGH
MY FEELINGS
FOR THE TWO
OF THEM.

FATE
CAN BE A
CRUEL
MISTRESS...



ALTHOUGH I
DON'T KNOW
EXACTLY WHAT
HE MEANS, I
CAN GUESS
THAT IT'S
SOMETHING
TERRIBLE...

GAME...
OVER...

BANG
GAME
OVER.



RINDOU-KUN...

EVEN IF THE
RESULT IS
A TERRIBLE
ONE...

...THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN THAT
EVERYTHING
YOU DID UP
TO NOW
WAS FOR
NOTHING.

THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
CAN DO BUT
TRUST
YOURSELF.

RINDOU-
KUN...

IT WAS YOU
WHO GOT
ME TO THIS
POINT.

YOU ALWAYS
DID GIVE ME
THE PUSH
I NEEDED
WHEN MY
INDECISIVENESS
GOT THE BEST
OF ME.



THAT MEANS
THAT JUST
AS IT'S HARD
TO FIND THE
PERFECT
OPPORTUNITY
...

...IT'S ALSO
HARD TO
FORM GOOD
FRIENDSHIPS.

TIME AND
GOOD FRIENDS
ARE HARD TO
COME BY.



AS LONG
AS YOU'RE
BY MY
SIDE....!

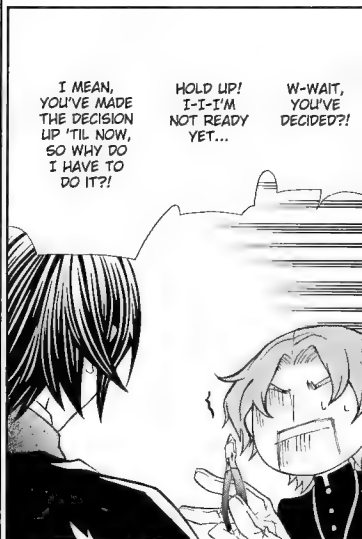


NOTHING HAS
CHANGED.
I STILL
WALLOW IN
DEPRESSION
AND HAVE NO
CONFIDENCE.

AND YET,
HE'S MY
FRIEND.

ALL
RIGHT,
LET'S DO
THIS!





M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC



Spin-Out

Matsurika and
Her Magic Duster!





GOOD
AFTERNOON,
EVERYONE.

MY NAME IS
MATSURKA
AND TODAY,
LIKE EVERY DAY,
WE ARE GOING
TO HAVE A
SUPER HAPPY
FUN TIME!

KEEPING
THIS MANOR
SPOTLESS
IS MY JOB...



...AND THIS
MAGIC DUSTER OF
MINE CAN TIDY UP
ANYTHING, BE IT
THE MOST
STUBBORN OF
MESSES OR GOD
HIMSELF...

FWOOSH



"MARIYA CRIES
AND HURTS
SHIZU."

"CAN KANAKO
BE FILETED?"

"TOUICHIROU
GOES ON HIS
FIRST MISSION."

LOOK
FORWARD
TO IT!

COMING UP,
ON THE NEXT
"MATSUMIKA
AND HER
MAGIC
DUSTER!"
THREE
ALL-NEW
STORIES!

RINDOU HERE.

CAMOUFLAGE
SEEMS TO
BE BECOMING
A POPULAR
PATTERN THESE
DAYS, AND IT
REALLY MAKES
PICKING OUT
NEW CLOTHES
DIFFICULT.



M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

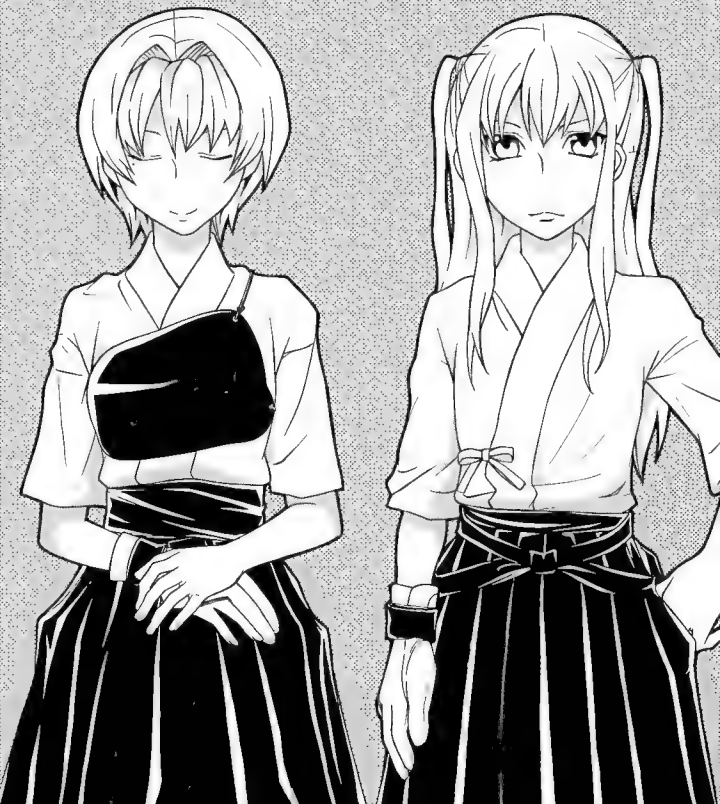
M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC



Prayer 44

Kanako House-Sits
During the Inter-High





Find a new
your

Boys - A girl's
life

Oh!

The mayonnaise is
I died



I'M
GOING
ON A
JOURNEY.



I'M
ALREADY
RIGHT
HERE.

UH...
NOT THAT
I HAVEN'T
HOPED AND
PRAYED FOR
THIS, BUT...

DON'T
JUST SAY
IT LIKE THAT.
PUT SOME
TWISTS AND
TURNS INTO
THE STORY!

WHAT'S
UP? GOING
TO FIND
YOURSELF?



SHFF 7

"BRUSH
YOUR TEETH,
REMEMBER TO
BATHE, DON'T
RUN WILD."

"BECAUSE OF
THE ARCHERY
CLUB'S
INTER-HIGH
TOURNAMENT,
I SHALL BE
AWAY FROM
THE DORM
FOR A TIME."

I FEEL
OBLIGED
TO STEP
IN TO
TRANSLATE
HERE.



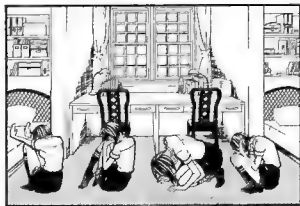


...I
CAN DO
WHATEVER
I WANT!

AS
LONG AS
IT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
I MESSED
WITH ANY
OF MARIYA'S
THINGS...

FREEEDOOOOM!!

PARAAAH!!



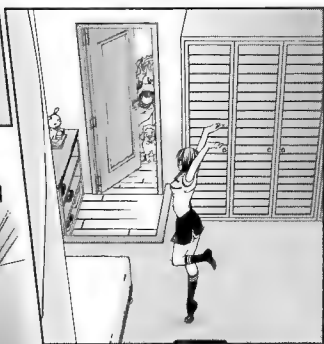
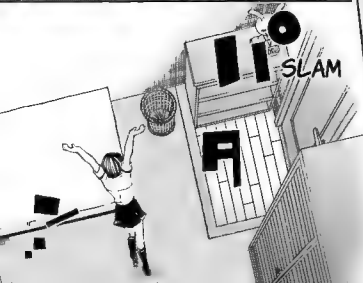
FLASH

GOD,
WHAT A
GIANT,
CROSS-
DRESSING
JERKFACE.

MARIYA'S SUPER
NIT-PICKY ABOUT
EVERYTHING, SO
I BETTER TAKE A
PHOTO SO I CAN
PUT EVERYTHING
BACK WHERE IT
BELONGS.

OKAY,
CHEESEEE!!





M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

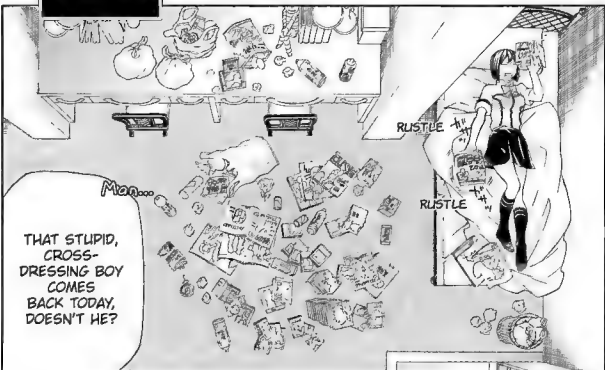


...AND KANAKO
HAS BEEN
THOROUGHLY
ENJOYING
THIS PASSING
MOMENT
OF CALM.

MARIYA HAS
BEEN OUT
OF TOWN
FOR A FEW
DAYS NOW
FOR THE
INTER-HIGH
CHAMPIONSHIPS
...

DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...

CRUNCH



Man...

THAT STUPID,
CROSS-
DRESSING BOY
COMES
BACK TODAY,
DOESN'T HE?

RUSTLE

RUSTLE



ROLL
ROLL

I KNOW,
I KNOW.
I PROMISE
I WON'T LEAVE
EVEN ONE
CRUMB OR
STRAND OF
HAIR ON THE
FLOOR.



WELL

GUESS IT'S
ABOUT TIME
I STARTED
CLEANING.

RUSTLE



WHAT...?





Prayer45

Laughing and Crying After the Inter-High
Championships Part ①







I HAVE!
MY HEART
KEPT
SAYING IT
OVER AND
OVER...

I
APOLO-
GIZED
ALREADY,
SO JUST
STOP!

"DON'T
COME
HOME YET,
DON'T
COME
HOME
YET!"

YOU
HAVEN'T
APOLO-
GIZED FOR
ANYTHING.

WHACK

THAT'S
NOT AN
APOLOGY.

OR DID
YOU JUST
ACT LIKE A
COMPLETE
SLOB WHILE
I WAS AWAY?
(MONO)

DID THE
PERP HAVE
BOBBED HAIR?
AND WERE
THEY AROUND
175CM TALL?
(MONO)

I UNDER-
STAND IT
MAY BE
TOUGH,
BUT TELL
US EVERY-
THING.
(MONO)

STOOOOP
THAT!

YOU KNOW
THAT MY
CHARACTER
PROFILE SAYS
I BREAK
OUT IN HIVES
ANYTIME A
MALE
TOUCHES
MEEEE!

RUB
GRIND
RUB
GRIND

WAAAUGH!

RUB
GRIND

AND THEN
I THOUGHT,
WHAT IF SOME
SORT OF TRAGEDY
TOOK PLACE THAT I
DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT?
SO I USED LUMINOL
TO LOOK FOR TRACES
OF BLOOD, BUT ALL
I FOUND WAS A STAIN
THAT I THINK MIGHT
BE FROM ONE OF
MY NOSE BLEEDS...

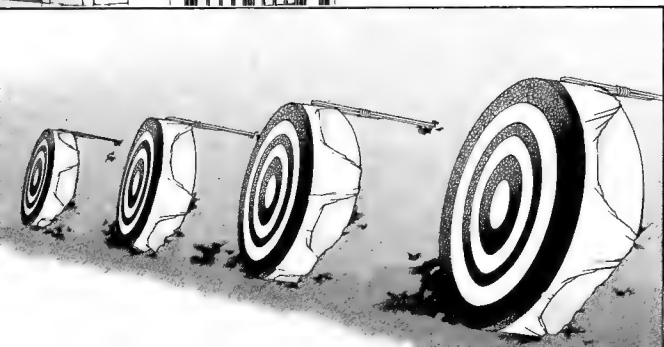
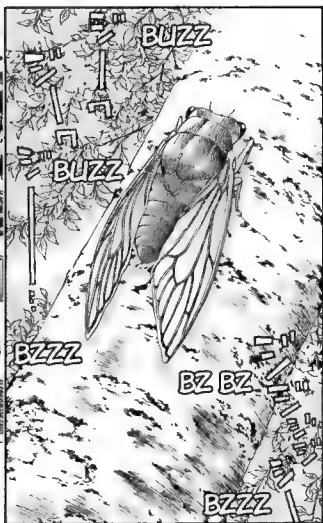
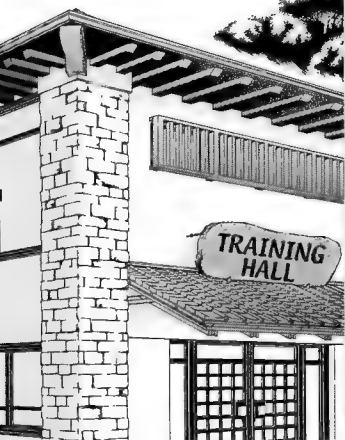
BUT I
COULDN'T FIND
ANYTHING!
I TRIED USING
POWDER AND
LIQUID TO
LOOK FOR
FINGERPRINTS,
BUT THAT
DIDN'T WORK
EITHER!

AS I
STARTED
TO CLEAN,
I THOUGHT
ABOUT
COLLECTING
ONE OF YOUR
HAIRS AND
MAKING A
VOODOO DOLL
WITH IT.

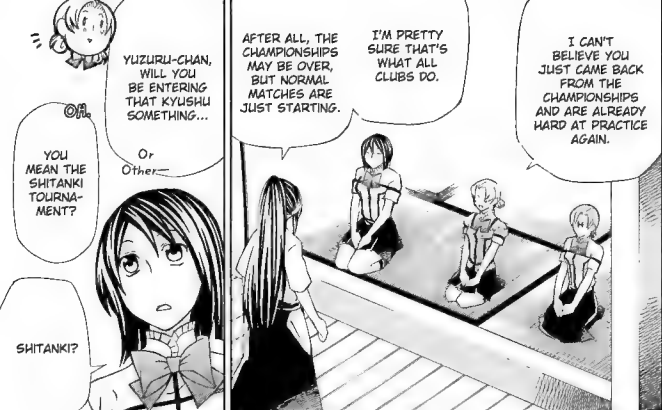
WELL,
WHAT DO
YOU WANT
ME TO
DO?!











YUZURU-CHAN,
WILL YOU
BE ENTERING
THAT KYUSHU
SOMETHING...

AFTER ALL, THE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
MAY BE OVER,
BUT NORMAL
MATCHES ARE
JUST STARTING.

I'M PRETTY
SURE THAT'S
WHAT ALL
CLUBS DO.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE YOU
JUST CAME BACK
FROM THE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND ARE ALREADY
HARD AT PRACTICE
AGAIN.

Oh.

YOU
MEAN THE
SHITANKI
TOURNAMENT?

Or
Other—

SHITANKI?



A NORMAL
TOURNAMENT PLACES
THE TARGET 28
METERS AWAY FROM
THE PARTICIPANTS.
HOWEVER, THE
SHITANKI TOURNAMENT
FOCUSES ON DISTANCE
AND HAS THE TARGET
PLACED 60 METERS
AWAY.

IT'S A
TOURNAMENT
HELD IN
KURUME
CITY IN
FUKUOKA.

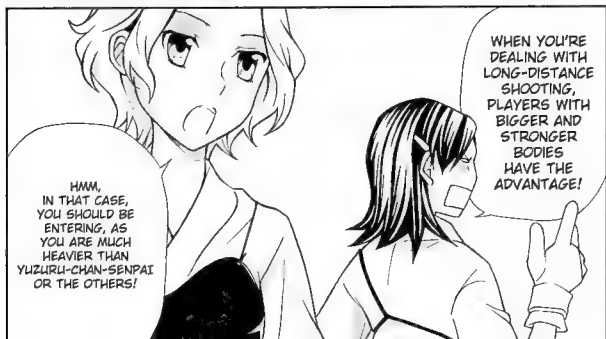


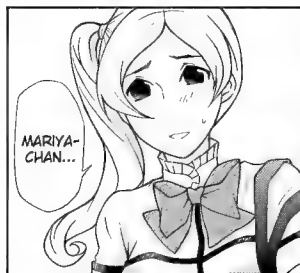
THOUGH,
I HAVEN'T
ACTUALLY
MEASURED IT,
SO I CAN'T GIVE
YOU AN EXACT
NUMBER.

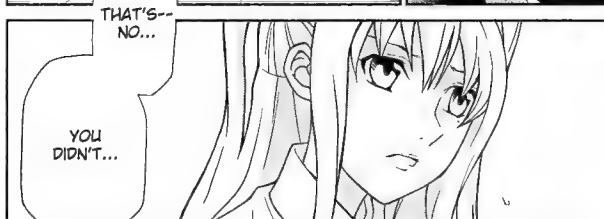
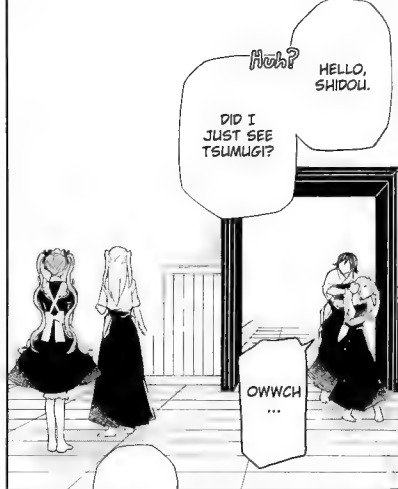
IF WE'RE
JUST TALKING
ABOUT FLIGHT,
THEN I'VE
SHOT OVER
100 METERS
BEFORE.

CAN ARROWS
REALLY FLY
THAT FAR?

WOW.







M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC



Prayer46

Laughing and Crying After the
Inter-High Championships Part ②





WHY
DID I RUN
AWAY LIKE
THAT?

MARIYA-
CHAN IS
PROBABLY
THINKING ALL
SORTS OF
STRANGE
THINGS RIGHT
NOW.

PHEW

THUMP



NO,
THAT'S...
I'M FINE.

WANT
ME TO
TAKE YOU
TO THE
NURSE'S
OFFICE?

YOU'RE
PRETTY
PALE.

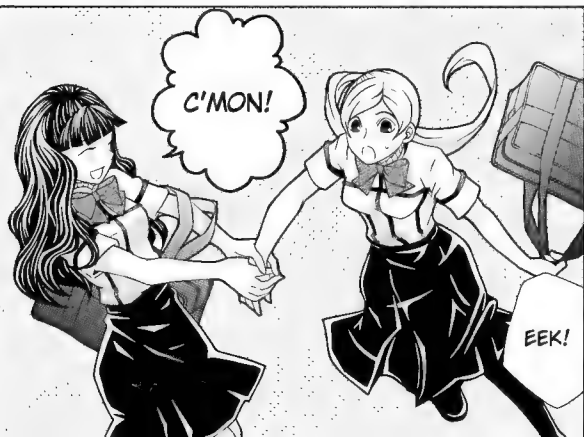


YOU WERE
ACTING
STRANGE,
SO I
FOLLOWED
YOU.



NATSURI...

I'M SORRY
FOR MAKING
YOU WORRY.



C'MON!

EEK!







AWW,
THERE'S
NO WAY I'D
LEAVE MY
CUTE LITTLE
SISTER...



...TO SIT
HERE LONELY
BY HERSELF,
IS THERE...?

BROTHER...



DID YOU
REALLY
THINK I'D
SAY THAT?





BROTHER,
WHAT
THE-?!

HOW DARE YOU
LET SOMEONE
ELSE BEAT
YOU IN THE
TOURNAMENT,
YOU ROTTEN
LITTLE MAGGOT!



THAT'S
JUST WHAT
COMPETITION
IS.

AND THAT'S
WHY YOU NEED
TO TAKE PRIDE
IN WHATEVER
RANK YOU GET,
OTHERWISE
YOU'RE JUST
BEING RUDE
TO YOUR
OPPONENTS.

FROM
UNDER THE
SHADOW OF
FIRST PRIZE,
SECOND
PRIZE DOWN
TO LAST
PRIZE ARE
BORN.

WHERE
THERE
ARE
WINNERS,
THERE
ARE
LOSERS.

I DON'T
HAVE TO
TAKE THAT
FROM YOU,
SINCE *YOU*
WON!



AND HERE YOU
WENT AND
TOOK THE
GOLD MEDAL
HOME UNDER
THE NAME OF
"SHIZU."

I MADE
THE NAME
OF "SHIDOU
MARIYA"
LOOK BAD.
AND THAT'S
YOUR NAME
AS WELL AS
MINE.

BUT
I...



...TSUMUGI
BANRI-SENPAI
JUST ANNOUNCED
TO THE CLUB THAT
SHE'S WITHDRAWING
HER PARTICIPATION
IN THE SHITANKI
TOURNAMENT.



SHE BELIEVES
IT HER FAULT
THAT OUR TEAM
COULDN'T TAKE
HOME THE GOLD
IN THE GROUP
PORTION OF THE
TOURNAMENT.

...THAT'S NOT
WHAT I'M
CONCERNED
WITH RIGHT
NOW.

WHEN YOU
THINK ABOUT
IT, THERE'S NOT
MUCH TIME UNTIL
THE TOURNAMENT,
SO IT'S NEAR
IMPOSSIBLE TO
FIND SOMEONE TO
TAKE HER PLACE.

HUH?
WHY
WOULD
SHE
SUDDENLY
DO
THAT?

OR SO
IT SEEMS.





...AND WE'RE
GOING TO
HAVE A BIG
PARTY TO
CELEBRATE
SHIZU-SAN
GETTING
SECOND
PLACE IN THE
TOURNAMENT.

THIS TIME,
I'M GOING
TO GO IN
THROUGH
THE FRONT
GATE WITH
MY HEAD
HELD HIGH...

DEAR
MOTHER
IN
HEAVEN...

I REFUSE
TO LET
THAT
TRAGEDY
REPEAT
ITSELF
AGAIN.



?!

WAIT A
MINUTE,
KANAKO!

HOW CAN
I SAY I'M
COMING HERE
TO CELEBRATE
WHEN I HAVEN'T
BROUGHT
ANY TYPE OF
PRESENT?!

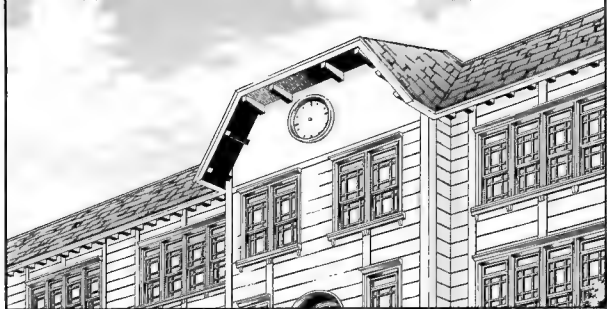
HOW SHOULD
I HANDLE THIS
EMERGENCY?
SHOULD I
RUN AND BUY
SOMETHING
QUICK?

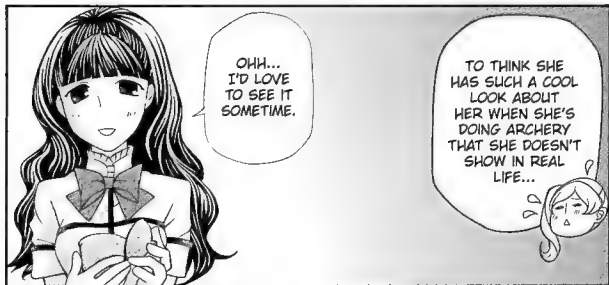
WHAT AM
I SUPPOSED
TO DO IF ONE
THING LEADS
TO ANOTHER
AND I END UP
PROPOSING
TO HER?

I HAVEN'T
PREPARED
ANYTHING
FOR HER: NOT
FLOWERS,
NOR A RING,
NOT EVEN A
HOUSE OF
OUR OWN!

OR SHOULD
I-!

GULP







THE WINNING
TEAM ONLY
GOT ONE
MORE HIT
THAN US.

BY
HITS...

...YOU
MEAN
POINTS,
RIGHT?

THANKS.

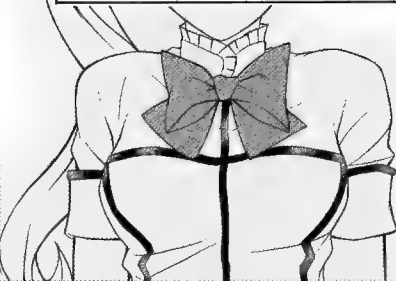
I
HEARD
THAT
OUR
CLUB...
...GOT
SECOND
PLACE.
CONGRATS.



MARIYA-CHAN
WAS THE
ONE TO GET
A "KAICHUJI"
FROM OUR
TEAM.

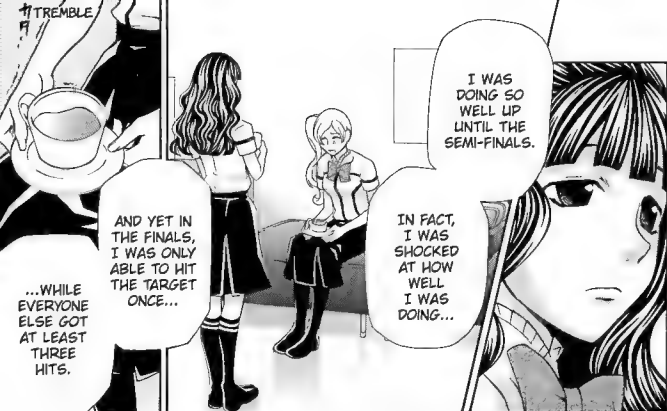
IF ALL FOUR
OF YOUR
ARROWS HIT
THE TARGET,
IT'S CALLED A
"KAICHUJI."

RIGHT. EACH
TEAM HAS FIVE
MEMBERS, AND
EACH MEMBER
GETS FOUR
SHOTS EACH.

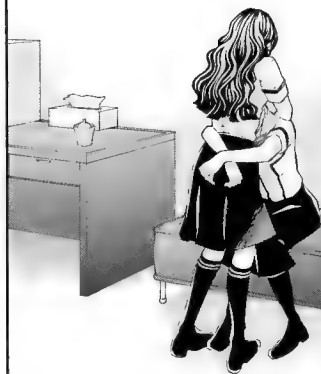


NO, EVEN
ONE MORE,
I WOULD'VE
BEEN HAPPY.
WHY COULDN'T
I DO THAT?

ME...WELL,
I'M NOT GOING
TO DREAM THAT
I COULD'VE
GOTTEN A
"KAICHUJI," BUT
IF I COULD'VE
HIT TWO
MORE...



I JUST...
WANTED
TO WIN
IS ALL...





JUST
LOOK
AT THIS
GORGEOUS
GARDEN!

THIS IS
HOW I
ALWAYS
IMAGINED
MARIYA'S
MANSION
TO BE!

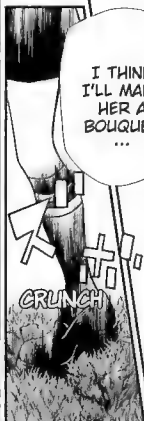
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WITH
HOW MANY
FLOWERS
HE'S GOT
GROWING
HERE...

...NO ONE
WILL NOTICE
IF I PICK A
FEW.

I MEAN,
IT'S NOT
LIKE
STEALING
FLOWERS
IS A SIN.



YOU CAN
TELL US
LATER.
WE'VE GOT
TO HURRY.



I'M
SORRY,
I JUST-

ACK!!!

GRAB

THERE'S
SOMETHING
BIG ABOUT TO
HAPPEN WITH
SOME BOY
PRETENDING
TO KNOW
YOU!



HUH?

WHO TOLD
YA TO LET
ME IN?
I'M JUST
ASKING YOU
TO BRING
HER OUT
HERE.

GO AND
GET MY
OLDER
SISTER.

HER
NAME'S
BAMBI.
NOW...

I'LL SAY
IT AGAIN,
SENRI-KUN.

THIS IS AN
ALL GIRLS'
SCHOOL.
BOYS ARE
NOT ALLOWED
TO ENTER
UNDER ANY...





WHY THE HELL WOULD YOU THINK THAT? IT'S OBVIOUSLY A NICKNAME.

ARE YOU REALLY TRYING TO TELL ME THAT YOUR OLDER SISTER'S NAME IS BAMBI?

THE NAMES SENRI AND BAMBI DON'T MAKE A GOOD MATCH...

...BUT IT'S BETTER THAN WHATEVER WHIMSICAL NOTIONS OUR PARENTS HAD WHEN THEY NAMED US.

ENDLESS EXPANSE
AKA ALL THAT YOU CAN SEE BEFORE YOU.

BAD NEWS TRAVELS QUICKLY
MEANING THAT IF YOU DO SOMETHING BAD, EVERYONE AROUND YOU WILL SOON KNOW.



"BAD NEWS TRAVELS FAST" ...

"ONE LIFE AND THE ENDLESS EXPANSE BEFORE IT" ...

I THINK NOW'S A GOOD TIME TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO TSUMUGI BANRIKUN FROM 3RD YEAR CLASS E, CORRECT?

THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M OKAY WITH PROVERBS EITHER!

Plus, that one's not very nice!

GRR

DON'T START THROWING AROUND IDIOMS!

HEY! YOU TELLING ME YOU KNEW HER NAME AND CLASS THIS WHOLE TIME?!



Gross!!

IT'S STARTING TO SOUND TO ME LIKE YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF UNHEALTHY FASCINATION WITH HER!

DON'T JUST GO PICKING THROUGH PEOPLE'S ROOTS LIKE THAT!

SORRY, THAT WAS JUST WHAT I ASSUMED YOUR PARENTS MEANT BY NAMING YOU AS THEY DID...



CONGRATS
ON GETTING
SECOND PLACE
IN THE INTER-
HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMPIONSHIP.

FLUTTER

FORTUNE: NO. 42
GOOD LUCK

YOU'RE IN
DANGER,
BAMBI!
JUST RUN
AWAY!

WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

THIS SAVAGE
BEAST CAN'T
POSSIBLY
BE YOUR
ADVISOR,
CAN HE?!

FORGET
ABOUT
THAT AND
JUST CALM
DOWN.

I CAME
HERE
TO SEE
YOU.

YEAH,
GUESS THE
PERVERT
PRIEST ISN'T
REALLY WHY
I CAME
HERE.

RLIMMAGE

TO SEE
ME?

FORTUNE: NO. 96
BEST LUCK

SNAP

HUH...

FORTUNE
SLIPS
...?

YOU'LL
GET FIRST
PLACE NEXT
TIME!!!

FORTUNE: NO. 96
BEST LUCK

第九十六番大吉

EVERY MATCH
IS DIFFERENT,
SO I'M NOT
GONNA SAY
SOMETHING
AS CHILDISH
AS "YOU'LL
DEFINITELY WIN
IT NEXT TIME!"

STILL, EACH
MATCH YOU
TAKE PART IN
BRINGS YOU
ONE STEP
CLOSER TO
WINNING...

THE WAY I
SEE IT, THE
ONLY WAY
TO FREE
YOURSELF
OF THAT
REGRET IS
TO WIN.

I'M GUESSING
YOU'VE BEEN ON
THE BRINK OF
TEARS, THINKING
THAT YOU HELD
YOUR TEAM BACK
FROM WINNING
THE GROUP
COMPETITION,
AM I RIGHT?

HEY!!!
SENRI,
THAT'S-

IT'S THE SAME
AS THESE
FORTUNES.
I HAD TO KEEP
DRAWING THEM
UNTIL I GOT
THIS "BEST
LUCK" ONE!!!

AND
THANKFULLY,
I DIDN'T GET
"BAD LUCK"
EVEN ONCE!

AND THAT
I'M SURE
OF!!!

SHIMMER
きりり

WHO
ASKED
YOU FOR
YOUR
INPUT?!

ROME
WASN'T
BUILT IN
A DAY*...

OH,
MAN.

...THERE IS A
STORY ABOUT
THE PROBLEM
CAUSED BY
FUJIWARA NO
SADAIE AFTER
HE PLUCKED A
SPRIG OF THE
FLOWERING
CHERRY OF THE
IMPERIAL COURT.

*"ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY" MEANING THAT LARGE PROJECTS SHOULD BE DONE STEP BY STEP

RIGHT.
WE'VE JUST
GOTTA
FIND THE
SHORTEST
ROUTE TO
VICTORY!

WELL NOW,
SINCE YOU'VE
GOTTEN SUCH
ENCOURAGE-
MENT FROM
HIM, YOU'VE
GOT NO CHOICE
BUT TO CHEER
UP!

YEAH.

YEAH!!!

WE'LL WIN IT
TOGETHER
NEXT TIME,
FOR SURE!!!

SLUMP
ほ
す



HE BEGGED THE COURT TO FORGIVE HIM, SAYING THAT "THE CHERRY TREE GROWING FROM THE SPRIG HE PLANTED IN HIS OWN YARD REMINDED HIM OF THE EMPEROR EACH TIME HE LOOKED UPON IT."



I'VE HEARD. MAKES YOU REALIZE HOW CHILDISH IT WAS TO CUT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YEAH... SADAIE WAS KNOWN TO DO THAT A LOT.

HE TOLD THE COURT A POEM LIKE THAT TO TRY AND COVER FOR HIMSELF.



...OH, AND THERE'S ALSO THE NOH PLAY CALLED "FLOWER THIEF" ABOUT THE MONK WHO GETS CAUGHT BREAKING OFF A SPRIG OF CHERRY BLOSSOM.

I'M BEGGING YOU TO THINK OF MY FAMILY AND NOT TAKE THIS TO COURT, PLEASE.

TODAY, HE COULD BE PROSECUTED FOR UNLAWFUL ENTRY AND LARCENY.

KANA-CHAN,
I...

At a loss.

I'M NOT REALLY
SURE WHAT'S
THE BEST WAY
TO GO ABOUT
APOLOGIZING
FOR THIS,
AND...

SO I THOUGHT, "I'LL
PICK SOME FLOWERS
FOR HER☆" I REALIZE
NOW THAT IT WAS
A HASTILY MADE
DECISION AND
A REALLY BAD
THING, SO...

I CAME HERE
TO CELEBRATE
HOW WELL
THE TEAM DID
IN THE INTER-
HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMPIONSHIPS,
BUT I DIDN'T
HAVE A
PRESENT.



WOW! YOU
REALLY
WON A
LOT, DIDN'T
YOU?!

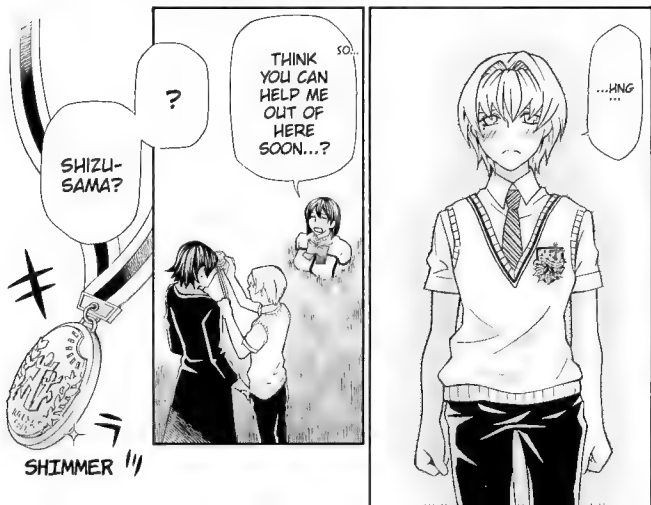
ARE THOSE
MEDALS
RINDOU-SAN
IS WEARING
THE ONES
YOU WON?!

WHOA!!!

YOU DIDN'T
NEED TO
TROUBLE
YOURSELF
ABOUT A
PRESENT...

JUST THE
FACT THAT
YOU CAME
MAKES ME
HAPPY.







NEXT
TIME, I'LL
GIVE YOU
THE FIRST
PRIZE
ONE.



HUH?

BUT THIS
IS YOUR
PRECIOUS
MEDAL, I
CAN'T...

WHAT?

I'M
GIVING
IT TO
YOU.



TODAY HAS
BEEN AN
ABSOLUTELY
WONDERFUL
DAY.

DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...

SHIZU-
SAN...

...AND I GOT
TO SEE THAT
SMILE OF
HERS THAT
ALWAYS
MAKES
MY HEART
POUND.

SHIZU-SAN
WINNING
SECOND
PLACE IS
SOMETHING TO
CELEBRATE...

WELL, SHE
DOES HAVE
TWO OF
THE SAME
MEDAL.

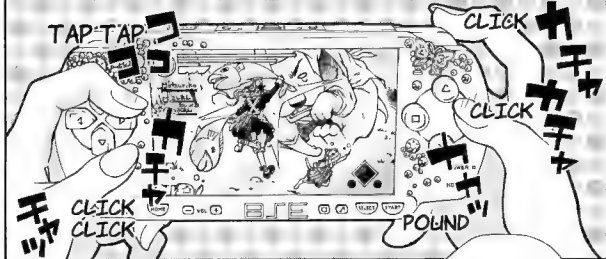
AND, WE
NOW HAVE
MATCHING
SILVER
MEDALS...

SLASH
SLASH

SCRATCH
SCRATCH

FWOOSH

ROAR



M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

M A R I A H O L I C

MARIA + HOLIC

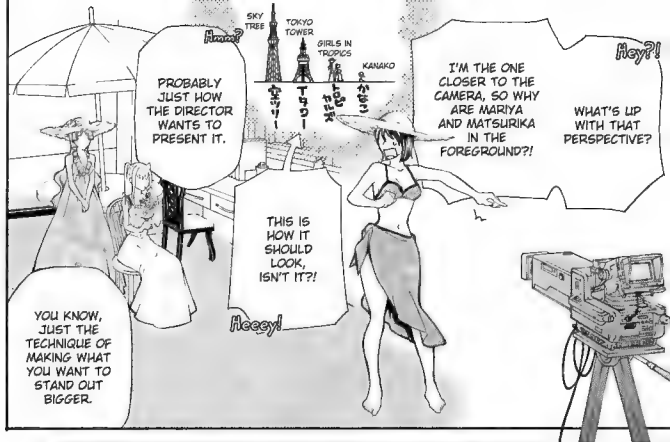


ALL I CAN
SEE IS
A MERRY-
GO-ROUND...

THE UNTAMED
OCEAN AND
THAT LOVING
SUN THAT
SHINES UPON
ME...



SO, WON'T
YOU SMILE
FOR ME?
THERE'S NO
NEED TO BE
SHY, MISTER
SUNSHINE...



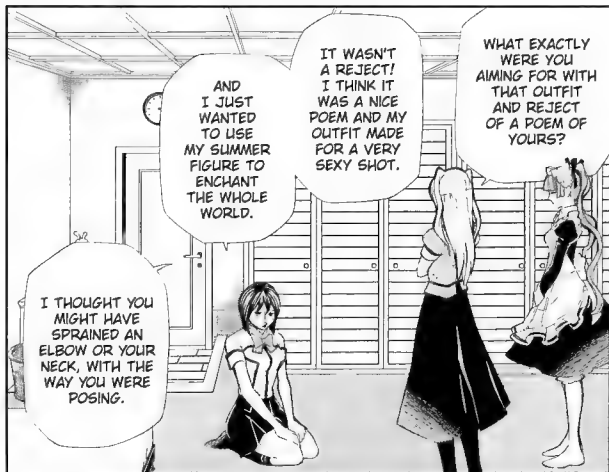


Prayer47

Say YES to a
Summer Dream!



SO.





I JUST
WANT TO
HAVE SOME
FUN...

I DIDN'T GET
TO GO OUT AND
PLAY WITH MY
FRIENDS AT ALL.
I SPENT EVERY DAY
AT THOSE DAMN
SUMMER COURSES,
DOING HOMEWORK
AFTER HOMEWORK
AFTER HOMEWORK!

...AND
CREATE
SOME GOOD
SUMMER
MEMORIES!

"TODAY,
A SUMO WRESTLER
CHARGED AT ME.
I DODGED
TO THE LEFT
AND WAS ABLE
TO SLAP HIM DOWN
TO THE GROUND.
I HAD FUN."

"JULY 24,
MOSTLY
SUNNY."

HNNNGH!

"TODAY, I SAW
THE MAGICAL
LEFT-HOOK OF
MY FAVORITE
BOXER.
THE OTHER
GUY'S CHIN WAS
MADE OF GLASS.
I HAD FUN."

"JULY 27,
PROBABLY
SOME-
THING."

NNGH!



GIVE
THAT
BAAACK!



SUMMER
MEMORIES...
HMM...

HEH

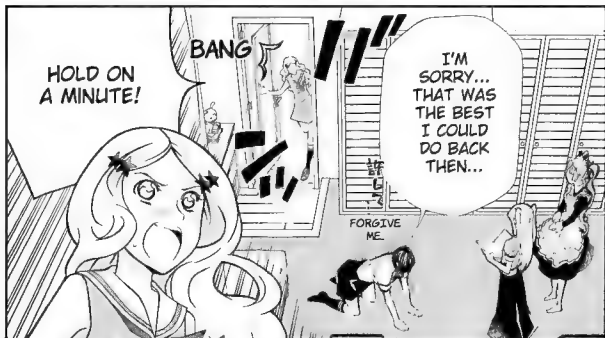
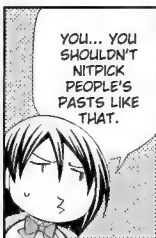
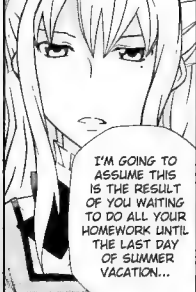
"SUMMER
DIARY
3RD YEAR
CLASS 3
MIYAMAE
KANAKO"

YOU
MEAN
LIKE
THESE?



GAH!







"AUGUST 2,
MOSTLY
CLOUDY."

"THE CHIRPING
OF THE
BABY BIRDS
THIS MORNING
WAS SIMPLY
WONDERFUL.
I HAD FUN."



IF
SOMETHING
IS FUN
THE FIRST TIME,
IT'S BOUND
TO BE FUN
IF YOU DO
IT AGAIN,
RIGHT?

OH,
KANAKO-
SAN?

HUH?

I
GUESS...



"I FORGOT MY
WALLET AND SAW
A STRAY CAT
HOLDING A FISH
IN HIS MOUTH AND
BEING CHASED DOWN
BY AN OLD LADY
WITH A PUNKISH
HAIRSTYLE."

"I
HAD
FUN."







WHA?!
THAT'S NOT
WHY SHE'S
DOING IT,
MIKI-TAN!

...I'M SO
EMBARRASSED.
I DIDN'T
REALIZE YOU
WERE DOING
THIS OUT OF
COMPASSION,
MARIYA-SAN.

DON'T LET
THOSE TWO
LITTLE IMPS
TRICK YOU!

THE TWO OF
US WOULD
ALSO VERY
MUCH LIKE
TO PROVE
KANAKO-SAN'S
INNOCENCE.



WHAT IF
I WERE TO
TELL YOU THAT
HOW MUCH KANAKO-
SAMA ENJOYS
THIS EXERCISE WILL
DETERMINE WHETHER
SHE IS INNOCENT
OR NOT IN REGARDS
TO HER DIARY...?



I
BELIEVE
IN YOU...

...MY
DEAR
SISTER.



LEAVE IT
TO YOUR
BIG SISTER!

ACK!!!



YOU CAN
DO IT,
KANAKO-
CHAN...



HOWEVER,
THERE ARE SOME
TRUTHS WHICH
CAN ONLY BE
REALIZED AFTER
ONE HAS
OVERCOME
THE TOUGHEST
OF TASKS,
SUCH AS...

I CAN'T EVEN
IMAGINE WHAT
THEY'D LOOK LIKE,
IF THE STORY
HADN'T ALREADY
ESTABLISHED THAT
MY SKIN IS MUCH
THICKER THAN YOUR
AVERAGE PERSON'S.

MY LUNGS
ARE BEING
CRUSHED,
MY ARMS
RUBBED RAW...

MAN...
THIS IS MY
TOUGHEST
MISSION YET.

...THIS
ANGLE
BEING THE
ABSOLUTE
BEST!



WHAT ON
EARTH ARE
YOU DOING,
KANAKO-
CHAN?

IS THIS
SOME NEW
GAME OF
YOURS?

HNCH

BUT
WHY...

SHAKE

SHAKE

IS IT
OKAY TO
ADD...
...THIS
DAZZLING
SIGHT...
...INTO MY
COLLECTION
OF SUMMER
MEMORIES?

MARIYA-SAN
AND HER
LITTLE
COHORT
MIGHT
NOT
BE SO
BAD
AFTER
ALL.

RIGHT NOW,
I'M SIMPLY
PURSUING
THE TRUTH...

My gosh!

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

Hee~

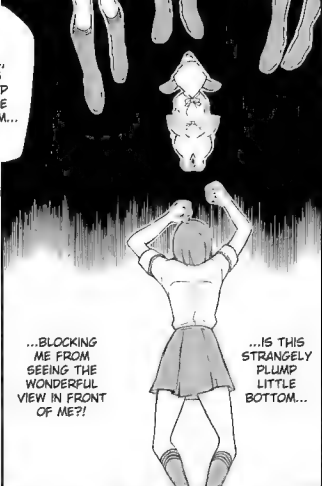
OH,
THERE SHE
GOES AGAIN,
SAYING WEIRD
THINGS.



HOUSE
MOTHER!

...IS HERE
TO SNIFF OUT
THE SCENT OF
THIS "PRECIOUS
HANDKERCHIEF"
AND FERRY
YOU TO ITS
LOCATION.

WELL,
THIS
PLUMP
LITTLE
BOTTOM...



...BLOCKING
ME FROM
SEEING THE
WONDERFUL
VIEW IN FRONT
OF ME?!

...IS THIS
STRANGELY
PLUMP
LITTLE
BOTTOM...

DID YA
HEAR THAT?
I SAID "FERRY"
TO MEAN
"LEAD"!



I...
REALLY DON'T
NEED YOUR
PUNS RIGHT
NOW...

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ニ
フ
SNIFF



THE "PRECIOUS
HANDKERCHIEF"!

THAT'S
...

WOOF
!!!

SEEMS LIKE
YOUR FERRY
HAS CAUGHT
THE SCENT.

TEE
HEE

WOOF!



...A LIGHT
DRIZZLE IS
FORECAST
FOR THE REST
OF KANAKO'S
SUMMER...

DEAR
MOTHER IN
HEAVEN...

I'M GLAD
TO HEAR IT!
ALL RIGHT,
LET'S MOVE
ON TO THE
NEXT ONE.

LET'S MAKE
AS MANY
SUMMER
MEMORIES
AS WE CAN
TODAY!

ACK! YOU
CAN'T BE
SERIOUS?!

HOW DOES
THIS ONE
SOUND?

"TODAY,
I BOUGHT
A BRAND-NEW
GUILLOTINE
TO TEST OUT
ITS BLADE
AND..."

I DON'T
REMEMBER
WRITING
THAT!

HMM...
LOOK LIKE
YOU WERE ABLE
TO GET THE
"PRECIOUS
HANDKERCHIEF"
IN THE END.

DID YOU
HAVE FUN,
KANAKO-
SAN?

...SHE'LL
PROBABLY
JUST MAKE ME
DO IT
ALL OVER
AGAIN.

GRIN

Okay,
then let's
try out
another
day!

...BUT IF
I TELL
MARIYA
HOW
I TRULY
FEEL...

AS
IF!

Y-
YES...

I HAD
A LOT
OF...
FUN.

GRIN



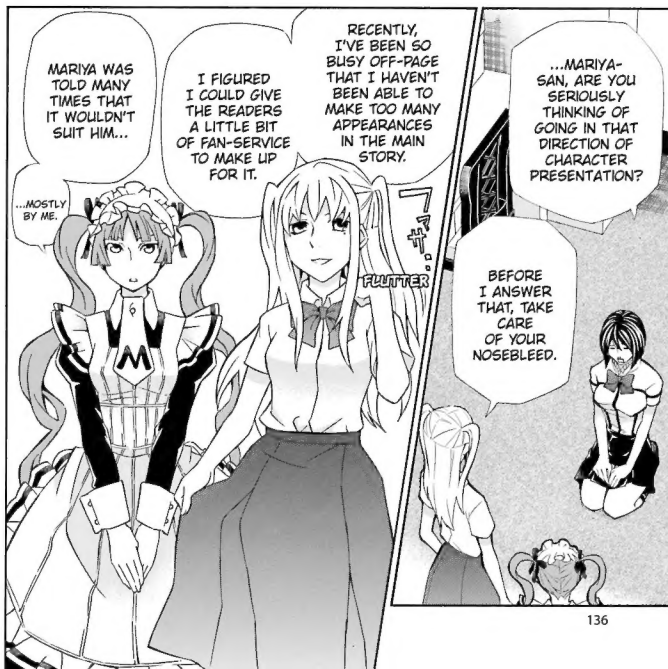
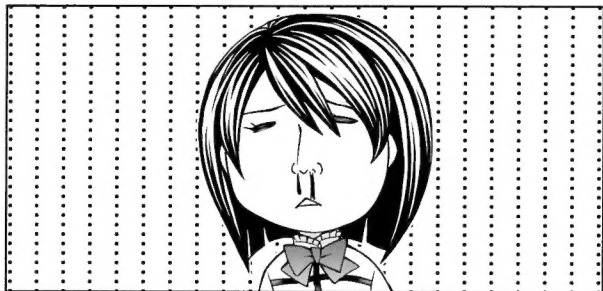
Spin-Out

Mariya-Folic











HOWEVER,
ALTHOUGH
THEY ALL HAD
POTENTIAL, NONE
OF THEM SEEMED
TO BE ABLE
TO KEEP UP
WITH MY
LOVELINESS.

I TRIED
ON SEVERAL
DIFFERENT
OUTFITS TRYING
TO FIGURE
OUT WHICH
WOULD MAKE
OUR READERS
HAPPIEST.

STOP
RIGHT THERE,
YOU FOOLS!

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?
DID YOU HIT
YOUR HEAD?

YOU DO
REALIZE
YOU'RE JUST
LAYING THE
GROUNDWORK
FOR THE SPIN-
OUT SERIES
"MATSURIKA'S
MANY LOOKS,"
RIGHT?

STOP
ACTING SO
UTTERLY
RIDICULOUS!

...WAS TRYING
TO USE SHADY
TECHNIQUES
LIKE AMATEUR
COSPLAY TO
MAKE HIMSELF
MORE POPULAR!

I HEARD
THAT
SOMEBODY
CALLED
MARIYA-
SAMA...

LOOK AT ME
OVER HERE!
I DRESSED
MYSELF UP AS
A CUTE MAID IN
A MINI-SKIRT,
SO YOU COULD
AT LEAST
SOMEWHAT
FOCUS
ON ME!

IF YOU'RE
GONNA
DO IT,
THEN FIGHT
PROPERLY!

IF IT'S
THE TITLE
THAT BOTHERS
YOU, THEN
HOW ABOUT
"MATSURIKA
AND HER
COSPLAY
JUNGLE"?

AREN'T YOU
TRYING
TO PUSH
YOURSELF TO
THE FRONT
JUST A LITTLE
TOO MUCH?

BECAUSE
I'M
THE MAIN
CHARACTER
HERE!

DEAR
MOTHER
IN
HEAVEN...

...IT APPEARS
THAT
KANAKO'S
AGE OF
IMPORTANCE
IS COMING
TO AN END.

HEY,
YOU
TWO!

YOU'RE
DEAD
SET ON
THAT IT
SEEMS...

ARE YOU
STILL
TALKING
ABOUT
THAT?

UM, PRETTY
SURE THIS
IS STILL
SUPPOSED
TO BE
"MATSURIKA'S
MANY
LOOKS"...

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